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SUBJECT: REMITTANCE TO AMERICAN HOSPITAL SUPPLY CORP. (AHSC)

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED SITUATION AS REQUESTED REFTEL WITH LAWYER HOHAGEN AND OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF HEALTH AND FINANCE. THE REMITTANCE DEPENDS ON THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE SALE (TO MINETTI) BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. HOHAGEN STATED AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONFIRMED THAT SUCH APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN AND NEEDS ONLY THE SIGNATURE OF THE MINISTER TO BE FINAL. THUS, FINAL SIGNATURE AND APPROVAL ARE EXPECTED THIS WEEK. FINALLY, ACCORDING TO HOHAGEN, THE STOCKS IN ESCROW ARE BEING HELD BY THE BANCO CONTINENTAL, WHILE THE FUNDS TO BE REMITTED ARE DEPOSITED WITH THE BANCO DE LA NACION.

2. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, IT WILL TAKE, AFTER NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF THE SALE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS TO PROCESS THE AHSC CLAIM. THOUGH THE OFFICIAL FROM THE MINISTRY STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN HANDLING THE REMITTANCE CLAIM, HOHAGEN FEELS THAT TO EXPECT SUCH PROMPT ATTENTION TO THE CASE WOULD BE UNREALISTIC. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED UNTIL REMITTANCE CLAIM IS RESOLVED. SMITH

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